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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: NIGERIAN CONTINGENT FOR UNIFIL

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1. PURSUANT TO TENTATIVE SCENARIO UN USYG URQUHART

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DESCRIBED TO US ON APRIL 25 (REFTEL), SC PRES (US)

CONSULTED INDIVIDUALLY WITH SC MEMBERS ON SYG'S APRIL 25

LETTER INDICATING INTENTION TO ACCEPT (FORMALLY) NIGERIAN

OFFER OF BATTALION FOR UNIFIL. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION

TO SYG'S ACTION AND SC PRES ON APRIL 26 SENT WALDHEIM

BRIEF LETTER STATING THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS "AGREE WITH

THE PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE NIGERIAN CONTINGENT". (AS

USUAL, LETTER NOTED THAT "CHINA, NOT HAVING PARTICIPATED
IN THE VOTING ON RESES 425 AND 426, DISASSOCIATES
ITSELF FROM THIS MATTER".)

2. FURTHER TO URQUHART'S SCENARIO, UN SECRETARIAT TOLD
US APRIL 27 THAT SYG STILL PLANS TO FORWARD LETTER TO
SC PRES LATE IN DAY APRIL 28 PROPOSING INCREASE TO
6,000 IN STRENGTH OF UNIFIL. US TURNS OVER SC PRESIDENCY
TO VENEZUELA IN MAY, BUT WE PLAN TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH
VENEZUELAN MISSION TO DISCUSS TRADITIONAL PROCEDURE FOR
HANDLING SUCH A LETTER FROM THE SYG. WE WILL POINT OUT
THAT MATTER COULD BE HANDLED THROUGH INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS AND THAT THERE IS NO "LEGAL" REQUIREMENT
FOR FORMAL SC MEETING. HOWEVER, IF A COUNCIL MEMBER
REQUESTS A MEETING, THE PRESIDENCY WOULD OF COURSE HONOR
THE REQUEST. SOVIETS MAY, OF COURSE, INSIST ON MEETING
ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS. STATUS OF IDF WITHDRAWAL
AND PLANS FOR NEXT PHASE ARE OTHER FACTORS THAT COULD
CAUSE PRESSURE FOR FORMAL MEETING, FOR EXAMPLE, FROM
KUWAIT. YOUNG

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